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State of Texas

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Mr. Jason D. McClain  
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City of Dallas  
City Hall  
Dallas, Texas 75201

OR97-0255

Dear Mr. McClain:

You ask whether certain information is subject to required public disclosure under the Texas Open Records Act, chapter 552 of the Government Code. Your request was assigned ID# 103941.

The City of Dallas (the "city") received a request for "a copy of the Dallas Police Dept'[sic] Manual-Homicide Standard Operating Procedures." The city has released sections of the requested information, however, it seeks to withhold a portion of the requested document based on section 552.108 of the Government Code. You enclose a copy of the information the city seeks to withhold.

Section 552.108 excepts from disclosure "[i]nformation held by a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that deals with the detection, investigation, or prosecution of crime," and "[a]n internal record or notation of a law enforcement agency or prosecutor that is maintained for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution." Gov't Code § 552.108; *see Holmes v. Morales*, 924 S.W.2d 920 (1996).

We have reviewed the portion of the document at issue and conclude that it is information that deals with the detection of crime as well as an internal record that the city maintains for internal use in matters relating to law enforcement or prosecution and you may withhold it under section 552.108 of the Government Code.

We are resolving this matter with this informal letter ruling rather than with a published open records decision. This ruling is limited to the particular records at issue under the facts presented to us in this request and may not be relied upon as a previous determination regarding any other records. If you have questions about this ruling, please contact our office.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JIM' with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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Assistant Attorney General  
Open Records Division

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Enclosures: Submitted documents

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